

Gertrontown, Phil^a

March 7th, 1865

Dear Mr. May,

Your letters of the 1st inst. & the 25th ult. were duly received; and were very welcome. Since the receipt of the earliest in date, our Ex. Com. have held a meeting, at which I laid before them a portion of your letter; and the subjects on which you ask our opinions were freely discussed. On one point we are entirely unanimous, I believe; that our stat. Slavery organizations should not be dissolved, until Slavery is legally abolished. Also, that this will be done, when the Amendment shall be ratified by three fourths of the States. I think, also, that we agree in the opinion that when that ratification shall be completed, & the consequent announcement made by the proper

authority, that American Slavery has ceased to exist, the time will have arrived for the dissolving of Anti-Slavery Societies. We all wish that that might be in May next, when we assemble at our Anniversary meeting; but it is not to be confidently expected. Indeed it cannot be, except by the act of the President assembling the new Congress, & their passage of Sumner's Resolution, relative to the votes of the revolted States, or by their admission to the Union of some of those States, whose votes might aid the ratification; none of which events are to be looked for, I presume.

As to the Standard the feeling was not so strong; but the desire was expressed, by us all, that it should be continued, if possible, while the Sec^t. exists. The practicability of this Mr. Mott thought we could not de-

termine until our Meeting in May.

If the desire for its continuance should be strong, in the Soc^y the means of its support may be furnished then. If not, the next best thing will be to substitute the Liberator for it, as far as may be; though, of course, Mr. Garrison's paper cannot be the organ of the Am. Soc^y.

You may recollect that the Penn^a A. S. Soc^y, at its last Annual Meeting voted in favor of the union of the two papers. For one, I should be sorry to see the Standard go down, before our final victory is completely won; still if the money for its support is not forthcoming, we must yield to necessity.

I spoke of the opinion of our Committee being unanimous. Mr. Mc'Kim was absent, but he seldom meets with us, now; Mess^{rs} Purvis & Davis, who were also absent, would have agreed with us, I am sure, on the first point.

I cannot speak confidently, for
them, respecting the Standard.

I am much obliged to you for
your last letter; it saved me the
trouble of looking up the proof
that the statement, concerning the
pay of colored soldiers, in my Re-
port is correct. I am very glad
that the Report meets your ap-
proval.

I hope to meet you in New
York, in May. Please give my love
to Mrs. May, also to Ade, with
thanks for her letter. I am delighted
with the success of your Fair in Le-
icester; and with the results of the
Festival.

Very truly yours,
Mary Grew.